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Parents/ Carers of pupils in Bury High Schools

Dear Parents/ Carers

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

I am writing to you as Bury's high schools continue to plan for the start of the new academic year in September 2020. We know that it is the government's intent that **all** pupils to return to schools from September and that schools are currently finalising their plans.

One area of focus for both primary and secondary schools is the transition of Year 6 pupils from their primary schools to start Year 7 year in secondary schools. Moving to secondary school is an important milestone for every child. This year the end of our Year 6 pupils' time in primary school cannot be as it usually would. Many Year 6 pupils have now returned to their primary schools however a number of their classmates remain at home.

In addition, Bury's high schools have not been able to welcome the Year 6 pupils for their June transition day. As a consequence, our high schools are changing their plans for the start of the Autumn Term in September to ensure that the 'new' Year 7 pupils have more time together to be introduced to secondary school life and to have their questions answered.

I am sure that you will understand the importance of high schools prioritising their youngest pupils. This will mean that the start of the new academic year may be delayed slightly, potentially with staggered starts, for other year groups.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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